

LETTER EDITOR

The mayor of a mid-sized town in Delaware once mentioned to me that stagnant things die. At the time, the town was experiencing tremendous growth despite public opposition. But he was right. That town needed the new homes, companies and jobs to stay afloat.

While St. Joseph's College is certainly not in that situation, thanks to your generous contributions, this magazine does remain a living, breathing thing for that very reason.

Change is necessary to grow and evolve, especially in these times. And there are some changes in this issue.

First, you will notice the resurrection and enhancement of **SJC People** because of the fascinating students, faculty and staff here. You are the driving force behind this great institution and your work is tireless and noble.

Recently, I learned of more phenomenal charity work that several individuals are doing on- and off-campus. I've also learned of some interesting talents and hobbies that you have, which won't go unrecognized either.

Those types of things will be highlighted in the new section, so feel free to let us know what you are up to. There are many of you, and we will get to you in time.

Also, to come full circle, we've added Where Are They Now?, a feature that will catch up with former Student Government Association presidents. Christopher Carroll '88, lawyer and current SJC trustee, is the first subject in this issue. Mr. Carroll was the perfect model of an SJC student and has followed that path in his life and career.

Even with these changes, you will still get your campus happenings through SJC News, a new section that combines the former News Digest and Student News. The faculty still has a place in Faculty Corner (new

name, same principle). And we will still produce interesting cover stories, compelling features and cover everything alumni.

These aren't significant changes. They are merely tweaks to an already outstanding product, and, as always, we look forward to your suggestions and comments, even if it does involve change.

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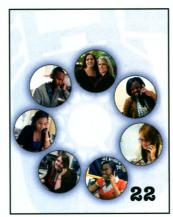
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SICnews

Long Island's New Academic Dean



Dr. Katerina Andriotis-Baitinger

ringing a wealth of knowledge and experience, Dr. Katerina Andriotis-Baitinger joined the College community in July as Long Island's dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

"After a complex, many-layered process involving input from internal and external sources at every level, the Search Committee made their recommendations to me," said President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. "I am grateful to them for their dedication, good spirit, openness and honesty, which has brought our search for a new dean to a very successful conclusion."

A former assistant and associate dean at the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences, a division of New Jersey City University, Dr. Andriotis-Baitinger replaces Doris Stratmann, who assumed the role of interim dean since 2007. Dr. Andriotis-Baitinger's experience ranges from learning outcomes and assessment to academic advisement, program reviews and imple-

mentation and writing and reading across curriculum initiatives.

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Andriotis-Baitinger to our community at this time in our history when we are reviewing curriculum, preparing to welcome students who reflect the recent demographic changes on Long Island and encouraging research and scholarship between and among students and faculty," S. Elizabeth said.

Prior to her work at New Jersey City University, Dr. Andriotis-Baitinger was the director of academic advisement at Middlesex Community College in Connecticut, where she organized academic advising services for new and returning students and was an advisement resource to faculty and staff.

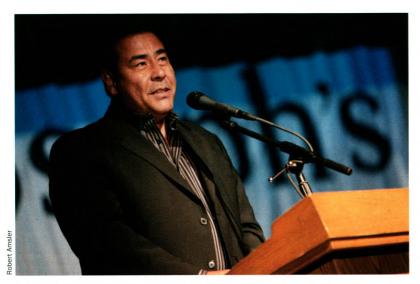
She was also instrumental in the development and implementation of an ESL program at Briarwood College, where she was the English department's director.

Dr. Andriotis-Baitinger, who has a B.A. in Classical Languages from the University of California, Irvine, an M.A. in English and Comparative Literature from San Diego State University and a Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature from the University of Athens, has extensive experience in teaching, program development and leadership training.

In 2006, she completed a teaching fellowship at Yale University in Programs in International Educational Resources, and she has presented at numerous conferences.

Her manuscript on Walt Whitman and Odysseus Elytis, *Beyond Being and Time* is currently pending publication. ■

John Quiñones: From the Corazón



What Would You Do? host John Quiñones spoke to a packed D'Ecclesiis Auditorium about his book, Heroes Among Us.

ith a stirring lecture that explored the nature of heroism in today's world, John Quiñones of ABC's What Would You Do? addressed a large crowd at the D'Ecclesiis Auditorium in April at the Long Island Campus. The content of the lecture, which was sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life, strongly echoed the themes in Mr. Quiñones' book, Heroes Among Us.

Mr. Quiñones initially spoke of his first heroes — his parents. He described how his humble origins in the barrios of San Antonio granted him an outlook on life that was galvanized by his parents' refusal to complain about their blue-collar jobs or the amount of money they made.

Mr. Quiñones shared in that work ethic from a young age — he shined shoes in San Antonio and worked with his family in the summer as a migrant farm worker in Northport, MI. The latter experience had a lasting affect on him.

"It taught me so much about the importance of a family coming together," Mr. Quiñones said.

The experience helped him realize he would do whatever was necessary to attend college, something no one in his family had ever done. One morning his father posed a question as they gazed out on a seemingly endless field of tomatoes, asking his son if this was what he wanted to do with his life. At that point, it clicked, and he realized that college was the answer.

Aided by the Upward Bound Program, Mr. Quiñones went on to St. Mary's University in San Antonio and eventually earned his master's from the Columbia University School of Journalism in New York City. It was quite the rise for someone that didn't understand English on their first day of grade school.

This unlikely ascent is consistent with the numerous professional accolades that continued to make him successful in all his endeavors.

In 1982, he was hired as a correspondent for ABC News, a job that required extensive travel throughout Latin America. Mr. Quiñones points to his Hispanic background as giving him a unique advantage over other reporters. It allowed him to capture a more authentic perspective of a part of the world that, at the time, was very unsettled.

"As a Latino, I could get certain sides to stories that other people couldn't get," he said.

Throughout his presentation, Mr. Quiñones made a point of the importance of embracing one's individuality. As his career in broadcast journalism blossomed, his Hispanic heritage became a true asset.

"I was reprimanded as a kid for speaking Spanish," he said. "Turns out, I was able to get my first job as a reporter precisely because I spoke Spanish."

His work in Latin America has been recognized with six Emmy Awards, the World Hunger Media Award and the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Journalism.

At the conclusion of his lecture, Mr. Quiñones drew a comparison between the central themes of his work and the College motto, *Esse non videri* — to be, not to seem.

It was a reflection of the respect that he now has for the St. Joseph's community.

"There seems to be such a big heart [at SJC] on the part of everyone," he said. "And a big openness to other cultures and an effort, a real dedication to doing the right thing.

"Heroes are those who do the right thing and don't just talk about it. True richness resides in your heart — in your corazón." ■

Exchanging Cultures



Recent child study graduate Emily Nicholson (right) was among three others and S. Elizabeth Calfapietra to teach at a parochial school in Arizona last spring break.

little more than a year ago, S. Elizabeth Calfapietra spent a month at the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona during a leave of absence from the College.

There, the Brooklyn child study professor witnessed the ills of the poverty-stricken reservation, though she built a relationship with many of its residents, enough to bring four then SJC child study seniors there last spring break.

S. Betty said it was a transforming experience for herself, Danielle Rapino '09, Emily Nicholson '09, Elizabeth Wolf '09 and Natalie Valette '09, who all taught in a parochial school on the reservation. "It was a perfect place to learn about another culture and something for us to offer another school," S. Betty said.

The students were moved significantly by the reservation's culture. Ms. Nicholson, who taught sec-

ond grade to Apache children, said she "was in tears" on the last day. "It was complete culture and reality shock," she said.

Perhaps that was mostly because of the reservation's impoverished conditions. Its people survive amidst an 85-percent unemployment rate and children suffer from fetal-alcohol syndrome.

"There is a high incidence of diabetes, alcoholism and domestic abuse," S. Betty said.

Regardless of the conditions, S. Betty and the students learned the Apache culture while building a good rapport with the children. They attended a Sunrise Ceremony, a religious ceremony for girls entering puberty. They also visited a peridot (August birthstone) mine and bought some of their jewelry.

"[Our guide] let us mine and showed us how he did it," said Ms. Wolf, who taught third and fourth grade at the parochial school. "It was so unique.

"I would definitely go back to visit and also go places that are similar. It was a really great experience. It really touched my heart." ■

New Programs on Tap

In recent years, the College has expanded its offerings and developed new majors.

The expansion has touched on many areas to help St. Joseph's offer a complete liberal arts education. And there most likely will be more programs coming.

As of mid-summer, two programs were waiting for New York State approval to be offered at the Long Island Campus.

They include: a concentration

in philosophy for child study majors and an interdisciplinary major in philosophy and religious studies. An M.A. in Math Education was also written and approved at the May faculty meeting.

A minor in therapeutic recreation will also be offered on both campuses this semester.

The College also began offering its Executive Master of Business Administration online this semester. It is the second School of Profession-

al and Graduate Studies program to go online, matching the already successful B.S. in Organizational Management, which went online in 2005.

Last year, SJC unveiled an M.S. in Human Services Management and Leadership on both campuses, and the Brooklyn Campus also added an art minor, which went along with majors in recreation and criminal justice and a dual B.S./M.B.A. in Accounting that the campus added in recent years.

Pi Gamma Mu Induction



In March, SJC inducted nine Long Island social sciences students into the Pi Gamma Mu International Social Science Honor Society. It was the second group of SJC students to be inducted. From left to right: Steven Siliuto, David Hornung, Ryan Svoboda, Cheryl Thomas, Sharon Stein, Matthew Lombardi, Erika Fedison, Scott Wright and Brennin Kroog.

S. Therese Receives Non-Violence Award



S. Therese Marie Camardella, C.S.J. received the SJC Esse non videri Non-Violence Award in April. (From left to right) President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., S. Therese, Provost S. Loretta McGrann, C.S.J., Ph.D. and L.I. Director of Campus Ministry Joe Bruno.

High Honors

six SJC mathematics and computer science students earned high honors for their research at the Kappa Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honor Society Convention in March in Philadelphia.

Leigh Johnson won one of four first-place honors after presenting "Phi Patterns in Nature and Beyond." She received \$100 and a two-year extension of her subscription to the KME journal, *The Pentagon*.

Gina Palino and Stephanie Salvator's "Music in Mathematics," Kristine Vaccaro and Louis Petersen's "Global Warming: A Statistical Analysis of 'An Inconvenient Truth," and George Bernius' "Sans Hypotenuses (or 3.04 x 10^62)" each placed second, which awarded \$50 and a two-year extension of their subscription.

The conference, which is held bi-annually and was sponsored by the American Mathematical Society and the American Statistical Association, featured faculty and student meetings, a keynote speaker and students from top schools across the country presenting their research.

"We encourage student research to be presented at the conference," said Dr. Donna Marie Pirich, who oversaw three of the four SJC projects (Dr. William Vojir directed the other). "Their Power-Point presentations will be on the KME national [Web] site. Their papers will also be published in the journal [The Pentagon]. It's a great thing for them.

"Without student life, they wouldn't be able to get there. More people should take advantage of that." ■

College to Welcome Gwen Ifill



Gwen Ifill

oderator and managing editor of Washington Week, and senior correspondent for The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Gwen Ifill will speak on "Politics, Policy and Reality: What's Really Going on in Washington" at the sixth annual Presidential Lecture Series on October 8 at the Long Island Campus' D'Ecclesiis Auditorium.

Ms. Ifill will also speak to the College community during a colloquium at the Brooklyn Campus at 12:30 p.m. on the same day.

Author of *The Breakthrough:* Politics and Race in the Age of Obama, which was published on Inauguration Day 2009, Ms. Ifill moderated the 2004 and 2008 vice

presidential debates.

Before joining PBS, she spent five years as chief congressional and political correspondent at NBC News, where she still makes occasional appearances as a roundtable panelist on *Meet The Press*.

A highly respected veteran journalist, Ms. Ifill's career began in print media covering politics and government for *The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Baltimore Evening Sun* and *The Boston Herald.*

Ms. Ifill is the recipient of more than a dozen honorary doctorates as well as several broadcasting excellence awards. Most recently, she received the George Foster Peabody award in April.

Big Shot Rocks the Danzi Center



Billy Joel cover band Big Shot played for about 400 fans in May at the Long Island Campus' John A. Danzi Athletic Center. The group, comprised of musicians from Long Island and New York City, has performed and recorded with many hit artists.

S. Miriam Steps Down; S. Mary Ann New Child Study Chair



S. Mary Ann Cashin (left) and S. Miriam Honora Corr

Miriam Honora Corr '51, C.S.J., Ed.D., stepped down as chair of the Department of Child Study in May.

During her tenure, which began in 1997, she was an integral part in furthering the department's prominence in the New York Metropolitan area.

S. Mary Ann Cashin, C.S.J., a highly-respected full-time faculty member since 2000, replaces S. Miriam.

The faculty appointed the new chair and S. Mary Ann received overwhelming support from her colleagues, said S. Miriam.

S. Mary Ann was appreciative and looks forward to the challenge of leading the College's hallmark department in the coming years.

"Being a Sister of St. Joseph, there is a central pull in my life toward developing relationships," she said. "That energy has enabled me to develop relationships with the faculty with whom I will be working. I value the goodness of people and their expertise and see myself trying to unify the effort among us."

That effort is the cumulative process of each department member working together to create the best learning environment possible for the College's students.

"One of the phrases that we say to our students is first be, then teach," said S. Mary Ann. "It's exciting to think that I could be part of the mission in advancing that."

Partnerships with area school districts and staying on top of changes in technology are two areas that the department will need to remain cognizant of, said S. Miriam.

"Society is changing ... different kinds of things are happening," S. Miriam said. "Every child is supposed to be educated to the fullest extent of its potential.

"New strategies need to be developed. That's something that I feel younger people now will be able to do." ■

Supporting the Third World

provide students with fulfilling exercises that can enhance their education and build character. Doc to Dock, a Brooklyn-based non-profit organization, is one that provides students with a deeper perspective on the global community.

Brooklyn Director of Campus Ministry S. Susan Wilcox, C.S.J., could see the organization's importance after being contacted by Doc to Dock more than a year ago.

The organization, which is located less than two miles from the Brooklyn Campus, distributes unused medical supplies to impoverished regions of the developing world. New York State and federal regulations prohibit hospitals from salvaging unused supplies after medical procedures, S. Susan said. These supplies would otherwise be discarded, and Doc to Dock has built a network among area hospitals to collect goods and send them to needy populations.

"When I took a look at what they did and where they were it really looked like a very viable volunteer opportunity for us," S. Susan said.

Doc to Dock relies heavily on volunteers to sort the supplies and

package them for shipment. Because of its close proximity, the connection has been ideal.

"It's been wonderful, the students have been great" said Laura Cohen, vice president of operations at Doc to Dock. "It's always nice to have students and people who are interested in learning more about the big picture."

Senior Charnelle Campbell, the liaison between Doc to Dock and SJC, said: "It has really changed my life completely. If you're a person that feels that you don't have a place in the world, something that you can do is go out and volunteer."

Using Writing as Therapy



Herstory, an organization that uses writing as therapy for women, including in Long Island's prisons, was held during Common Hour in April in the Shea Conference Center. Three speakers read their material during the event. Back row (l-r): Criminal Justice Club President Michelle Blum, Herstory Facilitator Lonnie Mathis, Herstory Executive Director Erika Duncan, Herstory Facilitator Linda Coleman and Criminal Justice Chair Dr. Barbara Morrell. Front row (l-r): Herstory readers Adeline Acevedo, Stephanie Harrison-Mason and Kathleen Cronin.

S tephanie Harrison-Mason glanced at the paper resting on the podium in the Shea Conference Center in April.

She looked up, perused the crowd of about 30 and said, "before I read this, I want to thank Herstory for saving my life."

Ms. Harrison-Mason's statement was more than just words. Herstory has become her reality, a way to channel then cope with previous occurrences in her life.

Using writing as therapy, Herstory has become a popular form of rehabilitation among females in prison, where the inmate's writing focuses on who they are rather than what brought them to jail.

Beginning as a writing workshop for women in Southampton 13 years ago, the organization grew to holding as many as 17 separate workshops across Long Island.

Currently, Herstory has reached about 2,000 women, and the prison project, initially based at the Riverhead Correctional Facility, began five years ago.

The project has even expanded to the Suffolk County Minimum Security Facility in Yaphank, which predominantly houses drug offenders.

"Every time I go to a reading or a workshop in a prison, what I am really aware of is the wisdom and the absolute compassion and absolute honesty of [the women]," Herstory founder Erika Duncan said. "It's breaking the silences."

The event at SJC, which was sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice, featured three readers, all displaying compassion and honesty. Kathleen Cronin grew up without a mother and still battles that pain today.

Adeline Acevedo was sexually abused as a child.

So was Ms. Harrison-Mason, who sincerely spoke about one experience of abuse when she was a small child.

"I battled with this for 36 years until I met [facilitators Linda Coleman and Lonnie Mathis]," she said. "You have to let someone know because it could be happening to a sister. It could be a friend."

Ms. Mathis was familiar with the program before joining as a facilitator. In 2000, she shared the details of her 14-year drug addiction and depression as a participant of Herstory's weekly meetings in West Babylon.

Ms. Mathis' writing later turned into a book-length memoir — the organization encourages its participants to continue writing and possibly produce a book — and she's been a facilitator in the prison program since its inception.

"The talk is all done on the page," Ms. Mathis said. "We never ask what crimes they committed. We are not meeting inmates. We are meeting women."

The event was Herstory's initial reading at a Long Island college, and Ms. Duncan said the program for students is part of a larger plan targeted to reach those involved in the decisions that lead to incarceration and the available programs after release.

She said the culmination is the distribution of *VOICES: Memoirs* from Herstory Insiders, funded by the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls.



CHILD STUDY

Patrice Domozych, an adjunct professor, authored *Hope is Here to Stay* (pictured above), a children's book in cooperation with Lauren's First and Goal Foundation and Splashes of Hope.

Drs. Jan Harting-McChesney and Renee White-Clark presented "Getting Our Students to Think!: Literacy Strategies for the College Classroom," at the International Society for Exploring and Teaching.

Dr. Karen Russo presented "Dynamic Differentiation: Literacy Instruction for an Inclusion Community of Learners," at the 17th Annual World Congress on Learning Disabilities. She also co-authored *Impact of Learning-Style Instructional Strategies on Students' Achievement and Attitudes: Perceptions of Educators in Diverse Institutions, serves as associate editor of <i>Insights on Learning Disabilities* and writes for the e-magazine *Strategies for Successful Learning*.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Dr. Charles Klahm presented "Conceptualizing and Measuring Police Use of Force," at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Dr. Barbara Morrell arranged and chaired a panel and presented "Facing the Realities of Transferring Juve-

niles to Adult Court," at the National Conference on Juvenile Justice.

ECONOMICS

Dr. Richard Torz was reappointed as a referee/reviewer for *The Journal of Business and Economic Studies*. Dr. Torz also organized, chaired and participated in four panel sessions that he organized on behalf of The EU/EMU Working Group.

EDUCATION

Dr. Maria DiCarlo, with **S. Nancy Gilchriest**, **Ed.D.**, presented at "Partnerships Create Meaningful Field Experiences" at the New York State Association of Teacher Education/New York Association for Colleges of Teacher Education Conference.

S. Nancy Gilchriest, Ed.D. presented "College and High School Students TEACH Together" at the New York State Association of Teacher Education/New York Association for Colleges of Teacher Education Conference.

ENGLISH

Dr. Judith Phagan presented "Redesigning and Indigenizing the English Composition Classroom" at the College English Association meeting.

HISTORY

Dr. Philip Dehne presented "Britain's Global War and Argentine Neutrality" at the Conference on the First World War and the End of Neutrality at The Hague, Netherlands.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Dr. Maria Isabel Alfonso presented "Narratives of a post-Soviet Cuba: Between Utopias and Dystopias" at the Measure of a Revolution, Cuba, 1959–2009 conference.

Dr. Antoinette Hertel was invited by the Facultad de Filosofia at the University of Guanajuato, Mexico to participate in "Escritura & Esquizofrenia" (Writing & Schizophrenia), with the theme, "Intellectuals and Power," and to share her critique of the manipulation of the literary representation of Latin America by the culture industry.

Dr. Olga Rios-Soria presented her research, which examines a testimonial novel, narrating the life and migratory experiences of the historic figure, Isaias Vazquez Pimentel, as part of the Mexican Studies session at the Annual Modern Language Association Convention.

NURSING

Dr. Tae Sook Kim presented "An Update on Science of Unitary Human Beings-based Research" at the Conference of the Society of Rogerian Scholars.

PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Wendy Turgeon presented at the annual American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting. She is also responsible for the Committee on Pre-College Philosophy's new Web site of resources.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Kenneth Bauzon participated at a roundtable discussion on United States-Philippines foreign and security relations at the New York Conference on Asian Studies.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

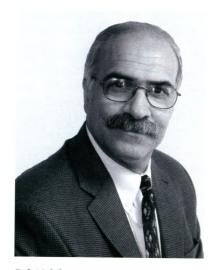
Dr. William Bengston gave the keynote speech on his research in the field of connections among disciplines in the investigation of scientific anomalies, and was program chair at the annual meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration. He also appeared on the *Oprah and Friends* radio show in September 2008.

Dr. Julia Rothenberg published "Private Troubles and Public Issues in the Classroom" in the April 9, 2009 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. ■



Super Lawyer: Robert Nobile, Esq.

by Brendan Carey



Bob Nobile

here is a Super Lawyer among us.

Robert Nobile, Esq., who has been the College's attorney for the past decade, was recognized for the second consecutive year as a 2008 New York Times Super Lawyer. Mr. Nobile is a partner specializing in labor and employment law for Seyfarth Shaw, LLP in New York City.

The nomination was achieved through an extensive peer polling process, which Mr. Nobile considers a tremendous distinction.

"It is an honor that your adversaries are recommending you for this type of award," he said. "I was very pleased to be nominated." Only five percent of the practicing attorneys in New York are selected.

In addition to serving as the College's attorney, Mr. Nobile has been a member of the Graduate Management Studies faculty since its inception in 1999.

Interestingly, Mr. Nobile began

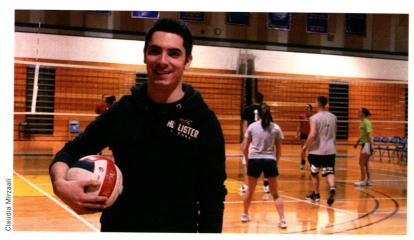
his law career without the intention of becoming a lawyer. After graduating from C.W. Post in 1976 with a master's in counseling, he began working in personnel and labor relations. Six years later, he noticed that his career field was "becoming more and more heavily regulated."

To keep up with all the legislation, Mr. Nobile said, he decided to go to law school so he could function at a higher level. He graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1984 and came aboard at SJC in 1999. His fondness for the College community has been present since day one.

"Every person I met at St. Joseph's was nicer than the next," he said. "I really was taken just by the sincerity and genuineness of all the folks with the program."

The Importance of Getting Involved

by Brendan Carev



Nick Rocco

part from a small contingent 🔼 at the Brooklyn Campus, SJC is a commuter school. This designation tends to come with its share of social limitations, but none of them are apparent to senior Nick Rocco.

If anything, Mr. Rocco said, the SJC community is made even stronger by its commuter status because it tightens the geographic area where students hail from. It is something that he credits with creating a community that works together to achieve common goals.

Mr. Rocco displayed these leadership skills as president of the Sigma Xi Epsilon fraternity at the Long Island Campus last year.

During his tenure, Sigma Xi Epsilon, which was recognized as Club of the Year in May, raised more than \$4,000 for various charities and organizations by reaching out and forming relationships with other members of the College community. "I wanted to make cosponsorship my goal," Mr. Rocco said. "It gives two organizations the opportunity to come together and accomplish the same thing."

In February, Sigma Xi Epsilon staged a successful volleyball tournament in the John A. Danzi Athletic (continued on page 11)

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Center. Thirteen teams competed, raising \$650 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of Michael Vignato '07.

Mr. Vignato received a successful double lung transplant in February just days before the tournament. His mother Linda Vignato, Long Island director of Physical Plant, was with him in Pittsburgh for the operation and witnessed his reaction to learning of the event.

"He freaked out," she said.

"He's always wanted a cure and he was so happy that they were donating to the foundation."

The event would not have been possible, Mr. Rocco said, without cooperation from the SJC community, notably Intramurals Director Bryan Gill and Events Coordinator Rosemarie Brown. "It is really necessary for you to work with everyone," he said. "It's not even that it's nice [to have], it really comes down to the fact that it is a necessity.

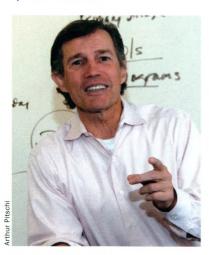
"It's great because it is like a real community. It's a great opportunity to get involved and work with everyone around campus."

Mr. Rocco credits extracurricular activities to having a more fulfilling experience in his career at SIC.

"My freshman year I went to class and then went home," he said. "Then I took the reins on a lot of leadership opportunities ... it makes the experience way more rich."

A Passion for Health Care

by Chris Gasiewski



John Sardelis, Dr.P.H.

ohn Sardelis, Dr.P.H., has been quite busy since he obtained a doctorate from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health in 2003.

He came to St. Joseph's, where the associate chair of health administration became instrumental in the growth of the M.B.A. in Health Care Management program. He also spoke with New York Senator Kemp Hannon about SJC's health administration program last year.

More recently, he's beginning to see the fruits of his labor as Dr.

Sardelis was elected to the board of directors for both Affinity Health Plan and IPRO, an independent, nonprofit corporation committed to assessing and improving health care services.

Dr. Sardelis was also part of a group that obtained a New York State grant to perform health care planning on Long Island.

"You have to have a passion for this stuff," said Dr. Sardelis, who has an M.S. in Statistics and Operations Research from New York University and a B.A. in Mathematics from Hunter College. "It's fun."

With SJC graduates working at both companies, Dr. Sardelis took advantage of a connection to both Affinity and IPRO.

"Since they were former students, I was aware of those organizations," Dr. Sardelis said. "I was asked to join the boards. It's an interesting turn, where we give to the students and we get an introduction in their company and in my case at the top level.

"It helps not only to let our students know we are involved in the community, but perhaps attract them to the College." Dr. Sardelis' work with local hospitals and health care companies has helped improve and advance the health care programs at SJC.

Back in 2003, he worked with SJC Health Care Administration Chair Lauren Pete and Director of Graduate Management Studies Mary Chance to develop the M.B.A. in Health Care Management. Dr. Sardelis has invited a number of guest speakers to lecture in class.

"It [the M.B.A.] develops future managers," Dr. Sardelis said. "We are very pleased to be in that position where we can attract students and provide executives."

Outside of SJC, Dr. Sardelis continues to tap into his passion and interests, evidenced in the two-year, \$550,000 state grant he obtained with a collection of health care advocates.

That list includes Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council President Kevin Bahill and Peconic Bay Medical Center CEO Andy Mitchell, who are both SJC adjuncts.

Dr. Sardelis also applied solely for another grant for Health 2.0, which will focus on how the Internet has become a major player in health care consumerism.

Howsic Provides a Liberal Arts Education at an Affordable Cost

by Brendan Carey

The ugly financial underbelly that had for years lurked beneath the surface of an inflated global economy like the soot of Mt. St. Helens revealed itself to unsuspecting investors and savers in a months-long about-face rivaling nothing before it save the Great Depression. Much chaos and finger-pointing ensued, leading to scandals and bailouts where many hard-working people have been left holding the bag. And an empty bag at that.

There is no mistaking that this is an unprecedented time. But for all the doomsday scenarios, wild market fluctuations and unfathomable deficit increases, there is still opportunity. For most, opportunity begins with a college education, a daunting financial endeavor that can have ongoing financial ramifications.

The prohibitive expense of an education has become a major talking point during the onset of the economic recovery. As the Obama administration prepared to overhaul the federal student loan program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the president put the onus on college and university officials in April, "to put affordability front and center as they chart a path forward." It's a path that St. Joseph's is already on.

"We're ahead of the game," said Vice President for Enrollment Management Theresa LaRocca Meyer. "We're at the forefront. "How do we define affordability? Number one we keep our tuition low, which in comparison to the [other] privates ... we're the [second] lowest in the tri-state area," she said. "It is in sync with the mission of the College ... to provide a liberal arts education at an affordable cost."

Affordability and fiscal responsibility has long been a part of the College's identity. This is more important now than it has ever been. In an era where the dangers of debt have been exposed like a false prophet, it is essential to educate students on this economic meltdown, its causes and its vastly crippling consequences.

In a June letter to the parents of accepted students, SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., outlined the College's commitment to "assisting in long-range financial planning," and to making available resources for maximizing financial aid opportunities. "St. Joseph's College has one of the most affordable tuitions for a pri-



vate college not just in New York State, but within the nation as well," wrote S. Elizabeth. "I am firmly committed to keeping the tuition at a rate that makes a high-quality private college education attainable for our students."

For the 2009–2010 academic year, tuition has been set at \$16,200, the lowest on Long Island for a private institution and one of the lowest in the entire metropolitan area. It's that affordability, packaged with a vibrant community and renowned academics, that makes St. Joseph's an attractive option for area students.

"We have made more of a concerted effort to work with financial aid to make sure that parents and students know the process for maximizing their financial aid and scholarship [opportunities]," said Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Gigi Lamens. "We're trying to work with students in terms of financial planning and financial awareness, teaching them to watch out for credit cards and things that they can fall into.

"We're being a bit more proactive in helping families with financial planning because we don't want them to settle for a school that may not be right for them when they could come here."

Money is, and always will be, a necessity when considering a college education — where and how to get it are issues for every average American family. With a recession comes more stringent loan and

credit standards, resulting in a drier well for students to tap into.

"People that were maybe relying on their investments to pay for college who have taken a hit in the market and don't want to touch that money at this point, are now thinking of other ways that they can pay for college," said Director of Financial Aid Amy Thompson. "The original plan that they maybe had isn't working out, so they have to find another way to finance the education."

There are options for those who would rather enter the world of financial independence without the albatross of steep debts. There are the public schools, for one. But with so many weighing their options and looking to go the route of the cheaper public education, state-funded institutions have become increasingly selective.

Another choice is an affordable private education, something that St. Joseph's, with its generous scholarship opportunities and low tuition, has continually offered.

In 2008, St. Joseph's awarded nearly \$12 million in scholarships, a figure representing approximately 15 percent of the College's budgeted expenditures. It's an amount that is indicative of the College's intention to keep the net tuition — what a student actually pays — at a level that makes a private education at SJC more attainable.



"I think what we're saying is, 'we hear you. we know what the concerns are,' " said Ms. Lamens. "We are going to be as generous as we can with scholarships."

Funding for scholarships at St. Joseph's comes from multiple outlets, but the increasing goodwill of alumni and friends must be noted for allowing the College to distribute aid to more students.

"New endowed scholarships enable the College to expand scholarship opportunities for our students without having to use annual operating funds or rely on tuition increases," said Assistant Vice President for Major Gifts and Grants Clare Kehoe. "St. Joseph's Endowed Scholarship Program has grown because of our donors' interest in equipping our students with an excellent education at a reasonable cost."

Senior Billy Gonyou and his family were very concerned with cost when he began his college search nearly four years ago, even before the economy began its tumultuous descent. He was accepted to every school that he applied to, including several in the metropolitan area, but chose St. Joseph's Long Island Campus. His choice was based on "the fact that it was affordable and still a really good place to go," he said.

Mr. Gonyou cited the numerous scholarship and work-study options at SJC for alleviating the financial burden on him and his family. The \$7,000 Scholastic Achievement Award he receives yearly is supplemented by his on-campus jobs in

the Office of Theatrical Productions and in the business office along with two additional scholarships from outside agencies. Any concerns his family had about financing his education were assuaged by his experience at SJC.

"One of the things I love about this school is that there are so many people on scholarship," he said. "It makes you feel better about the school because they really want students to get a good education and they realize that not everyone can afford it. It makes it affordable but to me it also shows that the school really does care about its students."

Regardless of the school that a student chooses, more often than not there will be out-of-pocket costs, whether it is private or public.

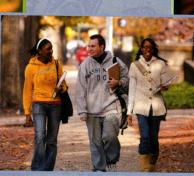
"Rarely can a student go to a state or private school without incurring some form of debt," said Ms. Lamens. "But because of the economy being the way it is, students and their families are a little more hesitant than they were before."

This hesitancy is evident in many areas, perhaps most notably in the amount of FAFSA applications that the Office of Financial Aid had already received by the end of March for the 2009–2010 academic year, a sign that there is increased concern over how a family will pay for college.

The numbers speak for themselves. In 2008–2009, there were 2,230 FAFSA applications sent in dur-









ing the first quarter (January 1–March 31); this year, there were 2,689 — a 20.6 percent increase. Split between campuses, Brooklyn saw a 29.8 percent jump while Long Island increased by a shade less than 17 percent. While these numbers may level off as the academic year begins, the increase was "very significant," Ms. Thompson said.

For admissions and financial aid administrators, these figures are indicative of a sharp change in what people think they can afford, and it can lead to people making choices solely for fiscal reasons. "One of the things that we're finding is that parents are making decisions based on cost instead of fit," said Ms. Lamens. "We want to try and take the cost, not out of the equation because it's part of it, and move the emphasis back to where you're going to get the best education and the greatest value."

An even more alarming trend in higher education is the drastic increase in the student loan default rate, a strong indicator of a bad economy. According to a March article in the *Wall Street Journal*, the default rate from loans starting repayment in September 2007 within one year was 6.9 percent, a nearly 2 percent increase from 2006. This number is expected to rise as the recession continues to make it difficult for new college graduates to find employment.

Likely as a result of affordability, St. Joseph's students seem to be immune to this problem. The default rate at the College for the period beginning September 2007 was estimated to be well below the national average at 3 percent. In 2006, it was 2.1 percent. "Our default rate is incredibly low," said

Ms. Lamens. "It has always been one of the lowest I have ever seen." The main reason for such a low default rate is that SJC students don't have to borrow as much money as they do at other institutions, she said. "I think we happen to graduate responsible citizens as well."

Fiscal responsibility is not something that is taken for granted at St. Joseph's. Administrators understand the dangers of irresponsible lending and borrowing and are making efforts to provide more extensive guidance on financial issues. It begins with the thorough tutorial that students and their families are given from the Office of Financial Aid when they first arrive on campus. At these meetings, all of the potential options for financing their education are presented, including what the aggregate cost will eventually be after graduation and beyond.

"We've always done that long-range planning with them — what their out-of-pocket cost is going to be over four years and if they're going to take student loans, how much debt they are going to leave with if they borrow approximately the same amount every year," said Ms. Thompson. "What we need to get more into now is doing more things on financial awareness."

Ms. Lamens added: "What we're trying to do is more of an all-encompassing approach to helping students financially through this economic period. So it's not just the affordable tuition. It's a combination of everything.

"Our tuition for a private institution is probably the most affordable in the area," she said. "Coupled with the quality, it's just an incredible value."

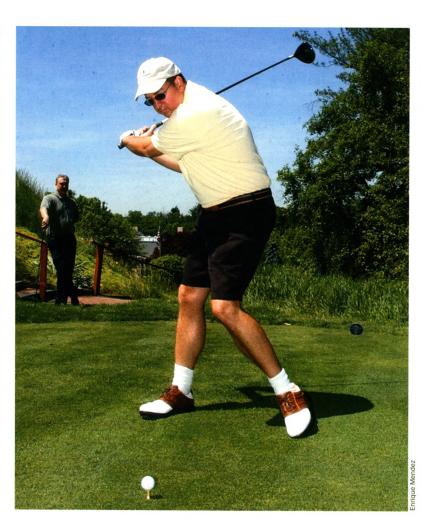
Golf Tournament Raises More Than \$60,000

Golfers enjoyed beautiful spring weather and the day's festivities as they participated in SJC's 19th Annual Golf Tournament on June 1 at the Plandome Country Club.

The event, which honored Martin Cottingham '99, raised more than \$60,000 to support the College's athletic programs. Athletic directors Donald Lizak (L.I.) and Frank Carbone (Brooklyn) cochaired the event.

Mr. Cottingham, a corporate real estate veteran with more than 13 years of experience, is currently the managing director at Grubb & Ellis in the Corporate Services Group. Mr. Cottingham received a B.S. in Organizational Management from St. Joseph's College and an M.S. in Real Estate Development from New York University.

He lives in Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn, with his wife, Kathy, and their children, Brendan and Genna. ■



27th Annual Dinner Dance-

Mark your calendar for the College's 27th Annual Dinner Dance and Monte Carlo Night, honoring Trustee Lisa Rose '97, president and CEO of Clare Rose, Inc., on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. For more information, please call the Office of Special Events at 631.687.2655 or e-mail Carrie Graf-Behlen at specialevents@sjcny.edu.





Linda Powell



Brennin Kroog



Laura Ferentino



Latoya Rawlins

Good Luck Class of 2009

by Claudia Mirzaali

s students turned their tassles and flipped their caps high into the air, St. Joseph's College sent another class into the world.

This May, the College awarded 1,257 undergraduate and graduate degrees to the Class of 2009 during the 90th spring commencement ceremonies for the Long Island and Brooklyn campuses.

Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton), who represents New York's first congressional district, addressed Long Island graduates at Nas-

sau Coliseum and he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Former State Senator Caesar Trunzo was also recognized for his longtime support and affiliation to the College. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

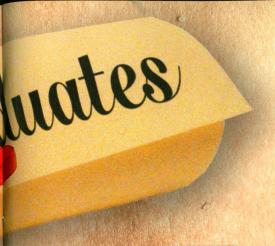
Dr. James P. Comer, M.P.H., the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center, addressed Brooklyn's graduates at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Dr. Comer, the founder of the

nationwide Comer School Development Program, received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

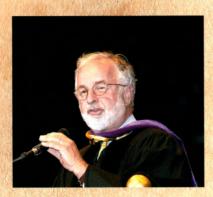
Valedictory honors were awarded to Brennin Kroog (L.I. School of Arts and Sciences), Linda Powell (L.I. School of Professional and Graduate Studies), Laura Ferentino (Brooklyn School of Arts and Sciences) and Latoya Rawlins (Brooklyn School of Professional and Graduate Studies).

Congratulations graduates.





Dr. James P. Comer, M.P.H. and S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.I., J.D.



Congressman Tim Bishop



Former State Senator Caesar Trunzo



Dr. Barbara Morrell (left), S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. (center) and Dr. Charles Klahm (right) join some members of the first cohort of criminal justice graduates.



Dr. Joan Silver (left) joins members of the M.A. in Childhood or Adolescence Special Education with an annotation in Severe and Multiple Disabilities cohort.

SJC Recognizes Two Cohorts

by Claudia Mirzaali

he first cohort from the B.A. in Criminal Justice program was recognized during the Long Island Campus spring commencement ceremony at Nassau Coliseum.

The bachelor's degree, which debuted in the fall of 2006, prepares students for law school, graduate school and research. The program contains a unique curriculum where students choose one of three tracks (juvenile justice, mental health and law and justice) of study to combine with courses in criminal justice.

The program also requires students to complete an internship, and 12 students received degrees.

The M.A. in Childhood or Adolescence Special Education with an annotation in Severe and Multiple Disabilities program graduated its first cohort in August.

The program is geared for teachers holding certification in childhood or adolescence education. The program debuted in the fall of 2007, and is among the many successful graduate programs at SJC.

The master's degree prepares students, dependent upon their initial certification, for professional certification in childhood special education, biology special education, English special education, history special education or mathematics special education.

Each candidate is eligible for the annotation in severe and multiple disabilities (birth to age 21).

Degrees were awarded to 22 students. ■

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College Secures Funding for Science Facilities

by Clare Kehoe



State Sen. Brian X. Foley

t. Joseph's College offers a learning environment in which sci-

ence majors investigate knowledge as the basis for effective participation in today's rapidly changing world.

To ensure that Long Island Campus students continue to have the best resources possible, the College will implement a \$673,000 Science Lab Project to create three new science labs in O'Connor Hall.

The new facilities include a thesis lab, a biology lab and a multipurpose lab outfitted with top-of-the-line equipment and computer stations for students and instructors.

In seeking funding for the project, the College discussed the impact of improved science facilities with the 3rd Senate District's New York State Senator Brian X. Foley (D-Blue Point), who was able to obtain a special legislative grant

to fund the purchase of equipment and technology.

A member of the New York State Education Committee, one of Sen. Foley's top priorities is to deliver education aid to 3rd District schools.

In announcing the award, Sen. Foley said, "As your state senator, I am honored to work with St. Joseph's College. I am particularly pleased to secure a \$30,000 legislative grant for St. Joseph's College, which will go towards science lab equipment; a critical component in St. Joseph's mission to educate at the highest levels.

"With these added tools, I am confident that St. Joseph's students will continue to excel and make a difference in communities throughout Long Island."

Thanking All of Our Supporters

by Clare Kehoe

o all of you who have supported the St. Joseph's College Fund during the 2008–2009 academic year, we want you to know how grateful we are for your generosity. Your gifts support all that you love and appreciate about SJC, and we are pleased to tell you that the fund has been a success, thanks to the thoughtfulness of alumni, trustees, friends and organizations.

In the past year, you've provided endowment funds for three new scholarships on both campuses. We're humbled and very grateful that you've made it possible for so many young men and women to have the opportunity to pursue their best and brightest dreams. This is why your financial support is so vitally important and your contribution to the fund is a gift that keeps on giving to future generations of St. Joseph's students.

We are also gratified that so many of you understand the importance of planning for SJC's future by promising to remember the College in your estate plans.

Over the past year, 13 alumni and friends have notified us that SJC is a beneficiary in their wills, trusts, retirement plans, charitable gift annuities or insurance policies. When a donor treats St. Joseph's as

they would a family member, we are genuinely touched and welcome them into the Aquinas Society — a very special group of donors.

Your continued support is important because your gifts provide scholarships and other tangible benefits for SJC's students. Most importantly, you've helped to create a sanctuary where students can dream and work toward lives filled with promise.

Once again, thank you. Your continued support has made it possible for our students to benefit from the excellence and dedication of our faculty.

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Brooklyn Senior Pledge Drive

There were 100 Brooklyn students who participated in the Senior Pledge Drive. Through three-year pledges, the students raised \$3,060. Participants are listed by school.

School of Arts and Sciences

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Patricia DeRoche

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Why Support the

St. Joseph's College Fund?



When you receive a St. Joseph's College Fund solicitation letter, what do you think?

Do you fondly remember the friends you made and how what you learned has transformed your life?

We hope you think of these things because the one and only purpose of the St. Joseph's College Fund is to fulfill the expectations that every student has for his or her life. We ask you to always remember that you provide the resources that enable them to reach their highest aspirations.

Why is your gift invaluable?

The SJC Fund is the pooled generosity of many. Your gift to the SJC Fund is a tangible expression of confidence and trust in the College and in the excellent educational opportunity it provides.

Your gift is important. It represents a personal choice to take an active role in the life of SJC. Small gifts are often catalysts for larger gifts, and the SJC Fund puts gifts of all sizes to work by pooling them.

Why the SJC Fund is important to you?

Throughout SJC's 93-year history, every student every year has benefited from the fund. Students depend on donors to make up the difference between tuition income and the actual cost of educating an SJC student.

The fund provides crucial budget support for operating expenses as well as scholarships, faculty development, athletics and library resources.

Why support the St. Joseph's College Fund?

The SJC Fund supplements tuition and endowment revenues to ensure tuition increases are held to a minimum. Every gift, regardless of size, is an important resource for faculty development, tuition assistance, campus improvements and curriculum and program enhancements.

As SJC's budget increases each year, so too must the SJC Fund increase. The fund relies on a combination of gifts from new donors and increased gifts from steady supporters each year. Each donor, regardless of how much they give, has the same impact on the SJC Fund participation rate.

Alumni participation in the SJC Fund is the single most important measure of alumni loyalty in the eyes of corporations, foundations and rankings such as *U.S. News & World Report.* Your support has a direct and tangible impact on life at SJC and helps to ensure its continued strength and success.

How do matching gifts work?

Many companies support employees who contribute to charity by matching their donations. If your company has a matching gift program, your gift to SJC may be doubled or even tripled.

Forms are usually available from your human resources department. If you're not sure whether or not your company matches gifts, please call us.

Where do SJC Fund gifts go?

Unrestricted gifts go directly into the operating budget and enhance every area of an SJC student's life. Other gifts support academic departments, athletics, scholarships or faculty.

Is the Phonathon part of the SJC Fund?

Several times a year, SJC students call alumni to help keep them connected and get them involved in the SJC Fund.

The Phonathon is staffed with students who provide a first-hand perspective on the College and explain why the Annual Fund is so important.

Please take time to speak to SJC students if they call you — they enjoy talking to alumni and the Phonathon is a critical component of the success of the SJC Fund.

We hope we've encouraged you to consider a gift to the 2009–2010 St. Joseph's College Fund. Your support really does have an impact on our students.

It's your opportunity to give back, even if a little, to SJC, where you became the person you were meant to be — *Esse non videri*. ■

SJCsports

RGAA Bound? Almost There

inning a state title fascinates just about every athlete at the high school level. In college, the pedestal jumps to an NCAA championship as a particular sport's top prize.

For years, though, St. Joseph's Brooklyn Campus couldn't provide the latter due to the absence of NCAA membership.

Times now are different. In just a few years, Brooklyn athletes may have an opportunity to vye for national supremacy. This fall marks the College's third year of Division III provisional status. With mostly everything in place, the campus is perhaps just two years away from obtaining official membership.

Becoming an NCAA member would not only keep the campus up to par with its Long Island counterpart, but it would provide a new excitement among its athletes.

"I've watched the NCAA my whole life and to be a part of it is a great opportunity," said sophomore Caitlyn Kakavas, a member of the Brooklyn softball, women's basketball and cross country teams. "I'm really excited to be a part of it."

The process has certainly been daunting, having to add a plethora of sports, an on-campus facility, more staff and other resources to comply with NCAA guidelines.

> Athletic Director Frank Carbone welcomed the challenge more than five years ago when he and SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. trekked to NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis in 2004 to learn of the membership process.

"From that stage, the NCAA declared a moratorium on membership because Division III was growing so much," Carbone said. "We weren't even really ready."

It was perfect timing, though. Soon after the Brooklyn Campus obtained exploratory status, which put it on the NCAA's map, an overabundance of schools also sought Division III membership. Many were ultimately turned away.

The Brooklyn Campus wasn't and it was later moved to provisional status for the 2007–2008 school year.

"Part of being provisional was you had to follow all of these rules," Carbone said.

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Those rules included fielding five men's and five women's teams, having a minimum number of games for each team, proper staffing and competitions against four-year schools in all 10 sports. SJC already had both men's and women's basketball, cross country and tennis, as well as softball and baseball. It added men's volleyball for the 2007–2008 season.

Anthony Macapugay was also hired as sports information director and Scott Gomez athletic trainer.

During the second season of provisional status, the campus completed all the paperwork and provided accurate game statistics.

"We are just about there," Carbone said in March.

"I really want to give credit to our bosses, the administration. S. Elizabeth — she has been very supportive. And Dr. [Susan] Hudec has been great. She's been with us every step of the way."

The entire campus has always embraced the program, especially since the growth began. Carbone said that Brooklyn's athletes comprise 25 percent of the student body and the athletes, coaches and administrators have made the best of the campus' facilities.

Part of the NCAA's requirements are for the campus to have home fields and courts for each team, and SJC plans to build a 25,000-square-foot athletic facility that will house the men's and women's basket-

ball and volleyball teams. Currently, those teams, along with women's swimming, take up residence at Brooklyn Technical High School.

"Our student athletes recognize these challenges," Carbone said. "But we get ambitious kids who are happy to play at a high level, which we

provide them. We take a creative approach to not only recruiting, but also towards competing.

"OK, we don't have facilities. How do we overcome that? We get them gear; we dress them up. ... We don't have a home facility. But we take where we play and turn it into Madison Square Garden."

In time, those obstacles will change. It's already started. As of early June, the campus began designing the new athletic facility.

"I was really surprised when I first came here," said senior Ed Han, who is a member of the men's tennis, volleyball, cross country and step teams. "All they had was men's and women's basketball. Everything started out as club sports. Now we are going to the NCAA. I feel very lucky to be a part of everything."

Athletic Director Frank Carbone

Long Island Sports Shorts

Baseball on the Cusp

The Golden Eagles posted a 21-17 record in 2009, which resulted in third place in the Skyline Conference, but SJC lost to Farmingdale State College — the eventual Division III Championship qualifier — in the championship round of the conference tournament.

SJC set program highs in runs (160), doubles (40), triples (13) and slugging percentage (.534).

First baseman Jon Welsh (second team), catcher Mike Hernandez (third team), outfielder Ryan Carroll (third team) and utility player Jeff Coyle (third team) each were named to ABCA/Rawlings All-New York Regional teams.

Welsh (first team), Carroll (first team), pitcher Joe Benkert (second team) and third baseman Frank DiPresso (second team) each were selected to All-Skyline teams.

Stark, Forbes All-Skyline

Sophomore utility player and All-Skyline first team selection Erica Stark was in the top five in the Skyline in batting average (.489), runs (38), on-base percentage (.564), hits (45) and slugging percentage (.685).

Junior infielder Caitlin Forbes made the All-Skyline second team at the designated player position.

SJC endured a rebuilding year, finishing 9-23 after winning the Skyline title and posting a progam high 33 wins in 2008.

Crawford in the Zone

Kelly Crawford, a junior on SJC's equestrian team, qualified for the International Horse Show Association Zone Championships in the novice fences event.

Seniors Griffin Chumas and Nicole Sottilo, along with sophomore Melissa Bernstein, freshman Allison Diehl and Crawford all qualified for and competed at the IHSA Regionals.

Both Track and Field Teams Break Records

The women's track and field team, in its fourth season, broke 18 program records during the indoor and outdoor seasons. Freshman Amanda Sanacore took fourth place in the long jump during the Collegiate Track Conference Championships. Junior Alyna Bousquet was SJC's first multi-event athlete competing in the heptathlon.

The men's track and field team broke 15 records during the indoor and outdoor season. Eric Haun holds six SJC records, the most by any member.

Presidents Cup Defense

SJC won five Skyline titles and was second five times to capture the conference's second straight Presidents Cup. SJC is the lone winner of the trophy, which recognizes the school with the best overall performance.

Brooklyn Sports Shorts

Baseball Wins 12

The baseball team finished 12-21, improving on their inaugural five-win season in 2008.

SJC, who played four games at KeySpan Park, home of the Mets' class A affiliate, were led by freshman Jon Mendez and junior transfer Chris Coffey.

Mendez led the team in RBI (38), hits (38) and home runs (two) and was the Association of Division III Independents (AD3I) Co-Rookie of the Year. He was also selected to the AD3I second team.

Coffey won four games and had a 2.31 ERA. He also tossed a three-hit shutout over College of Staten Island and was named to the AD3I First Team All-Independent.

Six other Bears were named to the AD3I All-Independent Teams. Junior Chris Davidson and freshmen Anthony Langone and A.J. Passione were named to the second team and junior Keith Juricich and freshmen Joseph Boccia and Mario Noriega were named to the third team.



Jon Mendez led the Bears in RBI (38), hits (38) and home runs (two) this spring.

L.I. Men's Tennis Overcomes Obstacles

by Frank Flandina



They may be a team without a home, but that hasn't stopped coach Glenn Nathan from turning the

men's tennis program into one of the Long Island Campus' most successful teams.

Despite playing home games on three different courts, SIC won the Skyline championship and competed in their second consecutive NCAA Division III Championship Tournament.

SJC (13-4) defeated Farmingdale State in the Skyline final, which capped an undefeated conference run (9-0). The Golden Eagles then lost to The College of New Jersey in the NCAA first round at Amherst College (MA).



The L.I. men's tennis team won its second consecutive Skyline title this spring.

First singles Dan Celentano and second singles Keith Houghtaling both made the 2009 All-Skyline team. Thanks to their comeback victory in doubles play during the Skyline championship match, Kyle Barnett and John Funk were named

Skyline Tournament co-MVPs.

It was truly a team effort this year as the Eagles received contributions from Steve Asti, Nick Donadio and Justin Russo. Andrew Boehm and Steve Mazzeo also contributed. ■

Banner Year for Brooklyn Softball

by Anthony Macapugay



The Brooklyn team became the winlyn athletics history

after posting a 26-10 record this spring. SJC, highlighted by a 2-1, nine-inning victory over rival St. Elizabeth in the Hudson Valley Women's Athletic Conference (HVWAC) title game, also competed in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) National Softball Tournament for the third time.

In the HVWAC title game, freshman pitcher Lisa Scheer struck out the first five batters and surrendered just three hits through seven innings, where the game remained scoreless. St. Elizabeth scored on an error in the top of the eighth, but

SJC rallied with the equalizer on Theresa Mendez's sacrifice fly. Scheer then worked out of trouble, forcing two infield popups with runners on second and third to end the frame. And, in dramatic fashion, Scheer drilled a double to score Jackie Marinello and give SJC the championship.

The win propelled the Lady Bears into the USCAA tournament with their highest seed in three trips (No. 5). Once there, they endured a pair of 5-2 losses to No. 4 Southern Virginia and No. 8 Penn State Beaver.

Scheer and Alvson Chiaramonte both were named first team Association of Division III (AD3I) All-Independent, first team USCAA All-American and to the HVWAC All-Conference Team.



Lisa Scheer

Chiaramonte pitched the program's first perfect game at Sarah Lawrence, and Scheer was 4-0 in games decided by one run. Coach Frank Carbone was named AD3I Coach of the Year. ■



A Tribute to Former Student Government Association Presidents

by Chris Gasiewski

hough he's always been open and available to all things SJC, catching up with Christopher Carroll '88 can be a challenge.

When he's not overseeing the College as a trustee, the seasoned attorney travels. A lot.

"I'm pretty much on the road 60 or 70 percent of the time," he said.

Leaving Mendes & Mount, LLC a little more than a decade ago, Mr. Carroll initially thought that creating his own law firm with two partners would bring slow progress. Reality, well, was to the contrary.

His firm, Carroll, McNulty & Kull, LLC, now practices in both the United States and Europe and it has expanded to 48 lawyers between New York and New Jersey. This all coming since 1997.

"When we started, it was just the three of us," Mr. Carroll said. "It was a comfort level.

"It is difficult starting anything. I don't think ours was any different. At the time [at Mendes & Mount] there were 100 lawyers. You go from having business with

clients and a reputation to not having any of that. You are always worried and concerned. Fortunately, all of that worked out well."

It certainly has. Mr. Carroll and his partners, Joseph McNulty and Gary Kull, wouldn't have minded if the firm fielded 10 or even 20 lawyers, as long as they performed consistent outstanding work, which has ranged from litigating insurance coverage to construction and commercial disputes.

Mr. Carroll has also been rewarded, having been named to the prestigious Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers earlier this year (only five percent of the nation's attorney's are selected). This, he said, can be attributed to the dedicated work ethic he inherited from studying social sciences at SJC.

No stranger to crediting the College with his current status (Father John Barrett even helped him obtain his first lawyer job after graduating from St. John's School of Law), Mr. Carroll said he's taken everything he learned here and

imbedded it into his daily life. And that's partly why the College honored him during the 17th Annual Golf Tournament in 2007, where a record \$121,000 was raised.

Other than being on the Board of Trustees, Mr. Carroll also remains involved with the Thomas Wendt '88 Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Wendt, his close friend, died in 1994 and the College endowed the scholarship last year.

"I consider St. Joseph's the single most influential part of who I am and what drives me," said Mr. Carroll, who lives in Morristown, NJ and has two daughters, Marley Drew and Anabel. "It's funny, half of what I do, if I'm not in court, is work large meetings.

"Student government was communicating and harmonizing conflicting positions. When you are talking all of the clubs and sports, parties, educational events, people are always vying for their ideas and it is always going to lead to conflict. It is trying to address that and to speak in consensus. I use that every day."

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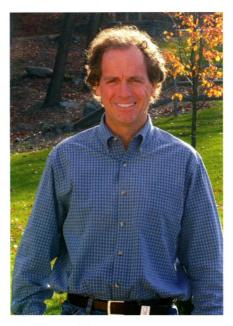
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A Creative CEO

by Mary Kate Mahoney



Steve Somers '85

nroughout the business community, individuals struggle to balance earnings with ethics. Maintaining a profitable company while treating employees and customers with respect has become difficult in recent years.

Fortunately, St. Joseph's College can take pride in one alumnus that has put people before profits and succeeded — Steven Somers '85, CEO of Vigon International, a flavor and fragrance industry in East Stroudsburg, PA.

At the center of Vigon's business model is a unique yet simple approach Mr. Somers calls "creative partnerships," which refers to the connections developed between the company and its employees, distributors and customers.

"The most important asset any company has is its employees," Mr. Somers said. Vigon's employees are treated as partners in the company, and since their investment goes beyond employment, according to Mr. Somers, "they share in the company's success."

In this economy, Vigon International has seen a decline, but, as of May, the company hasn't had layoffs.

He attributes this to the security of the industry. Vigon partners with several flavor and fragrance procuring companies, distributing their products throughout the world.

Mr. Somers got his start in the creative flavor and fragrance industry while studying organic chemistry at the Brooklyn Campus. He began working for Felton Industry as a quality control chemist during his last semester.

Starting in processing and development, Mr. Somers moved to the sales aspect of the industry after joining Fritzsche, Dodge & Olcott, where he learned everything about the flavor and fragrance business. And in 1998, Mr. Somers combined his technical knowledge with his business sense when he purchased Vigon International.

Working in the lab and watching an idea transform into a product is still an exciting aspect of Mr. Somers' career, but actually seeing the customer's satisfaction when they receive the tangible final product is his favorite reward.

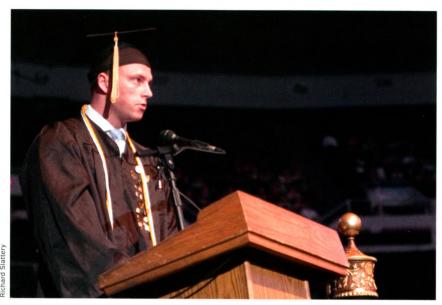
"Creating something unique and new," and enjoying the customer's response is very satisfying, he said. His passion for the industry and dedication to his employees — character traits that were fostered during Mr. Somers' time at St. Joseph's - make him a unique CEO. He appreciates the foundation St. Joseph's built, and he still keeps in touch with several professors.

Mr. Somers took advantage of the opportunities St. Joseph's provided, and he advises current students to do the same.

"Go make life anything you want it to be," — this sage advice comes from someone who achieved success, while still maintaining his integrity and compassion.

A Valedictorian Heads to Yale

by Chris Gasiewski



Brennin Kroog

uring his final days walking around the Long Island Campus this spring, Brennin Kroog '09 sported a Yale University hat and sweat shirt. There was no lack of pride, and rightfully so.

Mr. Kroog, Long Island's Class of '09 School of Arts and Sciences valedictorian, is one of only seven students that recently began their studies in Yale's Silver Scholars Program, a prestigious program that allows students to earn their M.B.A. in three years immediately after their undergraduate education. Mr. Kroog also received the Yale School of Management's Dean's Scholarship.

"I wanted to go to Harvard since I was a kid," Mr. Kroog said. "When I took a better look at the program, I think Yale was a better fit for me.

"Coming from St. Joe's, everything is in the liberal arts background. That prepares you in a variety of ways that some people don't even realize. Yale does the same thing and adds a comprehensive approach to the program."

Harvard wasn't the only other school on Mr. Kroog's list. He was accepted to Cornell and Carnegie Mellon. But Yale, he said, was the perfect fit.

An entrepreneur since youth (he currently owns a small landscaping business and has commercial accounts with several supermarkets), Mr. Kroog has been climbing the business ladder.

While he pursued a B.A. in Business Administration with a concentration in finance at SJC, the Bellport High product obtained a Series 7 and Series 63 license, then began working as a financial adviser for Northwestern Mutual in Commack in his sophomore year. As of April, he said he was the No. 1 financial adviser in his age group on the East Coast.

"That's really what got me into the program was my work credentials," Mr. Kroog said. "Learning here [SJC]

in class and being able to apply it at work and vice versa, it makes it so much easier for me."

It also helped him during the rigorous application process to the Silver Scholars Program, where Mr. Kroog's résumé, essays and two interviews stood out above hundreds of others. And he is in successful company.

"One kid sold a stock trading algorithm that is a mathematical model to trading stocks. He sold the company and is worth a couple million bucks now," Mr. Kroog said of the program's accepted students. "One kid was named by *Business Week* as one of the top entreprenuers under 25.

"One kid is from India. One is from China. One is from Egypt. To be a part of that is such an honor. You don't get any more competitive than that really."

The program places Mr. Kroog on a fast career track, where he'll learn the core curriculum in the first year, does an internship for the entire second and caps the final year off with elective courses, which includes a mandatory two-week study abroad experience. Mr. Kroog said he is interested in studying in Dubai.

Ultimately, though, Mr. Kroog wants to head mergers and acquisitions for Goldman Sachs.

"I attribute it to hard work, some luck and I've been blessed," Mr. Kroog said. "It shows that, No. 1, you don't need to go away to get a quality education. I could've gone to Harvard and been \$200,000 in debt, and I couldn't be in a better place than right now.

"Two, I think it shows that St. Joe's is doing the right things in a lot of aspects with the core curriculum and staying in the liberal arts tradition."

For the Love of Art

by Mary Kate Mahoney



The work of LeeAnn Alexander '99 has been shown across the country, from California to Florida. She also depicted President Barack Obama in her piece, Mr. President.



ew York City owes its rich cultural diversity and creative atmosphere to the many groups of immigrants who settled within its five bor-

oughs. SJC has certainly benefitted from the diverse population. Brooklyn's international students and alumni bring their own art, culture and experiences to the College community.

That list includes LeeAnn Alexander '99, who came to the United States from Trinidad and Tobago in 1986. It was her 18th birthday, and Ms. Alexander set out to be successful in the U.S., not yet knowing that her mark would be drawn by her artistic hand.

Ms. Alexander always had a passion for art, particularly drawing. She often practiced with pencil sketches as a hobby, until junior high when she won an award. The recognition

encouraged her to continue drawing and improving her craft.

While pursuing her B.A. in Human Relations at St. Joseph's, Ms. Alexander took an art history course where she was inspired by her professor and the innovative style she used.

Throughout her time at SJC and into her career, Ms. Alexander casually continued drawing, focusing on portraits. She said that she "loves capturing those expressions of joy, fear, frustration, anguish, distress, forlorn, sadness and the many other manifestations that faces transmit."

She never considered pursuing art seriously, believing that "most artists only become famous after they die." She kept this mentality, along with the belief that her art was not really that impressive, until a coworker suggested she try selling her pieces online. So, she framed and showed some of her work, beginning a rewarding career.

Ms. Alexander now shows her art

at festivals all over the country, from California to Florida. Her preferred medium is still pencil because she says she "can manipulate the pencil better to get different expressions," but she has incorporated technology into her artwork by combining photographs with pencil and paint.

Ms. Alexander also experiments with Photoshop to create uniquely vivid images, and she continues to focus on portraiture, finding subjects among her family and friends and occasionally depicting well-known figures like President Barack Obama in her piece entitled *Mr. President*.

Although she has been successful, Ms. Alexander admits, "I still question myself or think I'm not good enough." However, these doubts don't thwart her goals anymore, and she suggests college students and recent graduates do the same. Ms. Alexander advises, "believe in yourself and your talent, and go after what you want ... never give up."

Taking on the Field: A Writer's View of the Walkathon



Brendan Carey

almost won the second annual Walkathon/5K Run at the Long Island Campus in April. I came close, excrutiatingly close. Photo-finish close. Michael-Phelps-by-the-fingernails-in-Beijing close. I was right there at the end; on the cusp of victory.

The defeat has been keeping me up at night. I just can't get past the fact that had the 70 people that finished ahead of me stayed in bed that morning, I would have won the race.

So I wasn't *that* close to the podium. I was the 71st person to cross the finish line, finishing in 27:58. That's minutes, not hours. Though at times during the third mile it felt more like the latter.

The temperature on April 26 approached 90 degrees in Patchogue. According to the National Weather Service, the normal high for the day is 62. Quite simply, it was a gorgeous spring day and a nice reminder of how great summer weather is. It just was not ideal for a 3.1-mile street race after a long winter of treadmill running.

My body first began to show signs of overheating right after the second

mile marker. Up until that point, I had been treading along at a respectable pace. I checked my watch as I snagged a cup of water from the girls at the second-mile water station. I had reached the third mile in a time of 15:12. This was a bit less than my per-mile goal of eight minutes and put me on pace to finish well ahead of my overall goal of 25 minutes.

Then it all went south. Fast.

Shortly after passing the second mile marker, I was hurting. No more than two minutes into mile three, a cramp hit me like a body shot from Apollo Creed. My right side binded up, forcing me to shut it down and walk for a time-killing stretch of about five minutes. Runners that I had passed or had simply been ahead of since the start galloped past me, each one taking a piece of my dignity with them as they motored on toward the finish.

Once I regained the ability to run without keeling over in pain, I finished quickly but still barely under the 28-minute mark. It was a disappointing time, but not embarrassing given that I had not run a 5K since high school. It could have been worse and would have been better had I run at a more heat-conscious pace.

Then I realized that there were 70 people that finished ahead of me. There were even a few that finished *before* I broke down.

Richard Adickes, a sophomore at SJC, came in first with a time of 17:55. The mere thought of running a 5K in less than 18 minutes makes me hyperventilate. I reminded Mr. Adickes that I was nearly a full mile behind him and thought I was doing *well* before my rib cage exploded.

"I love the heat," he said cooly. He then informed me that he had just run a half-marathon a week earlier and was also a bit off his game. His best time for a 5K is 15:50. Which, if you're keeping count, is right around where I was when I finished my second mile.

Regardless of whether or not I finished the race in 20 minutes or two hours, the day was ultimately less about individual performances and more about the collective purpose of the event — raising money.

Proceeds from the Walkathon benefited the Rose Brucia Educational Foundation, the Alumni Association and the Thomas J. Wendt '88 Alumni Scholarship. The latter was founded by the Alumni Association in honor of Mr. Wendt, a former student leader and staff member at the College who passed away in 2004.

The Rose Brucia Educational Foundation was developed in response to an increase in child abductions nationwide. The goal of the foundation is to educate America's youth on how to avoid predators and to stay safe.

All told, the Walkathon generated more than \$25,000 in revenue.

"It's proof that our Alumni Association is strong and is continuing to grow stronger," said Long Island Director of Alumni Relations and association committee chair Matthew Colson '02.

"It continues to become a larger asset to the College as a whole while reaching out into the community and helping a cause that is true to the College's mission and rooted in our tradition — showing an interest in educating and caring for children."

Understanding the purpose of events like this helps to put things in the proper perspective. You don't participate only to finish in the top-three, the top-10 or even the top-70. You participate to be a part of something that is larger than yourself.

And sometimes, you almost win. ■

Helping Alumni Help Themselves

by Mary Kate Mahoney

ow more than ever, alumni are in need of assistance and advice in their careers. SJC is responding to this need by launching the Alumni Career Services program this semester.

The program offers many services, including résumé and cover letter review, life and career coaching, mock interviews, a reference library, career workshops and a newsletter that will be available on the SJC Web site. For alumni living out of the New York Metropolitan area, most of these services can be conducted over the phone or through e-mail.

"It is the responsibility of a college to help students, even after they graduate," said L.I. Alumni Relations Officer Jennifer Sarnicola '04, who will be running the program. The idea of offering career assistance to alumni is nothing new. And now is the perfect time for St. Joseph's to join in.

"Colleges all over the country have been providing these services for a long time," Ms. Sarnicola said.

Using her experience in counseling (she has a master's in guidance counseling and completed a life purpose and career coaching program in May) Ms. Sarnicola began designing this program last year.

"It started as a few ideas of how to improve the alumni association and the services to alumni," she said. "It gradually grew into its own program.

"In this economy, this is what people need; they need jobs; they need work."

Ms. Sarnicola has high hopes for the program's future. Eventually she would like to have participants from the Alumni Mentoring Program contribute to the newsletter and workshops.

"A major part of SJC's mission is the idea of community," she said. "The College helps its alumni with these programs, and the alumni are given the opportunity to give back and help current students."

Increasing its sense of community has always been a central element in SJC's foundation, and the Alumni Career Services program is another way that the College is keeping alumni involved even after they leave campus.

Ms. Sarnicola said the ultimate goal of the program is "to have alumni feel secure and know that they can come back to SJC for help." ■

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CLASS notes

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1930s

Catherine O'Connor McLaughlin '39 is 90 years old and lives close to her son and his family. She no longer drives, but keeps busy in her garden, reading books and newspapers and writing letters.

Eleanor Van Wagner Nace '39 spent the first half of the year in Sarasota, FL for the last few years.

Catherine Constantine Penny '39 has lived in Tucson, AZ for 16 years. She will be 92 years old and still lives an active life: she drives, attends an aerobics class three times a week, belongs to a church group and serves on a civic group's board. If any of her classmates are in Tucson, please contact her at 520.743.7599.

1940s

Helen Fennelly Reilly Buckley '42 along with her daughter, Kathleen Reilly Masterson '79, and Debra Ellis Maresca '80 recently traveled to Florida.

Helen Gebhardt Oberhofer '44 and her husband, Joe, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in May. They have four children, three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Louise Plotner Collins '49 retired after 25 years as an assistant principal. She has 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jeanne Steele Fox '49 is in great health, dances and performs shows at O.N.E. senior citizens center.

Angela Sola Gagliardo '49 has spent five months in Florida and the remaining seven in New York for 11 years.

Helen Lavelle Hickey '49 taught elementary school for 32 years.

Gloria Sileo Smith '49 lives in Maine and writes the weekly column, "It's Our Time," which focuses on older adults, in the *Times Record*. Her presentation, "The Second Act" ran statewide in February and March. Gloria does strength training, yoga and audits classes at Bowdoin College. She has become advanced in Italian.

Audrey Sorrento '49 lives in Pilgrim Place, an ecumenical retirement community in Southern California. She is active in the International Grail Move-

Spring Luncheon Celebrates Reunion Milestones





Brooklyn's Class of 1969 (left) celebrated its 40th anniversary during the Spring Luncheon in April. Also at the luncheon, the Class of 1959 shared memories during its Golden Jubilee. Pictured right is the 50th anniversary committee (l-r): Bettyanne McDonough, Barbara Lynch Schoenberg, Eileen Moloney Graziani, Mary McGrover Peyton, Carolyn Hill Dalton, Suzanne Trinnear Drumm, Mary Sullivan Luongo, Delores Estes Brannigan, Eileen Feeney Smith and Joan Meegan Evans.

ment at the Peace and Justice Center and at her local parish.

1950s

Patricia Kenny Bianchi '59 worked as a psychiatric social worker and as a child study team member in a high school. She has lived in New Jersey for 38 years and she has one child with her husband, Thomas.

Philomena Nicoletti Fiorello '59 and Margaret O'Kane Carr '59, friends for 58 years, traveled with their husbands, Frank and John, to Missouri, Las Vegas, Orlando, FL and Savannah, GA.

Catherine Giamenelli '59 has traveled to Italy, Ireland and most recently to Spain, Morocco and Portugal.

Eileen Moloney Graziani '59 and her husband, John, celebrated their daughter, Mary Ellen's wedding in June 2008. Delores Estes Brannigan, Carol McVey Drum, Mary Margaret Farley May and their husbands all attended.

Dolores Martirano Lynch'59 has been active in S.A.G.E. the past four years. The nonprofit organization protects the wetlands, forest and flood plains from development in her neighborhood of Woodstock, NY. Her Japanese-American grandchild is bilingual and lives in Tokyo with his family.

JoAnn Bradley Milza '59 is retired and lives in Vermont. She is the secretary of the Garden Club, president of the Friends of Library and involved at church. JoAnn skis and hikes.

Anna Morisani Orobello '59 is a substitute teacher at two surrounding school systems.

Carolyn Courtney Stalters '59 and her husband, Tom, have six grandchildren and have traveled extensively. She remains involved with the Friends of Williston Park Library and sings with her church choir.

Rosanne Perillo Vastano '59 cruised to Italy and Spain. She has 10 grand-children.

BACK IN THE DAY



Graduation Day

Margaret Simonelli LaCerra and Ann Oliva, members of the Class of 1951, prepare for commencement in June of 1951.

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1960s

Carol Meade Barkovsky '64 retired from teaching kindergarten and first grade after 34 years. She is a community and church volunteer, and a member of Project Renewment and a film group.

Helen Kiernan Goubeaud '64 and her husband, Paul, traveled to San Diego.

Constance D'Andrea McDonald '64 works with the board of elections.

Eileen Lanigan Nickoloff '64 still works as a toxicologist for the state of Alaska.

Marie Petillo Orlando '64 retired after 20 years as a youth services coordinator for the Suffolk Cooperative Library System in March. She occasionally works as a part-time children's librarian and she remains active in the Asso-

ciation for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association.

Paula Vivona Plum '64 is retired and has spent more time with her family. She completes assessments for children in the Head Start program in Lebanon, PA, and has also substituted as a paraeducator for Head Start and Early Intervention. Paula and her husband, Pete, adopted a 9-year-old championship Bedlington Terrier. They have seven grandchildren.

Abbie Zisk Digeon '66 retired as a vice president and manager of the Data Architecture Group of Brown Brothers Harriman in April.

Eileen Spudic Beaumont '69 has been a nature instructor since 1994. Her daughter, Nicole, got married in March.

STAYING IN TOUCH

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Let's stay connected!

Networking Night



Barbara Yelcich '78, assistant vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was among three presenters at Networking Night in April at the University Club in New York City. The event, which was a continuation of the A Day on Wall Street event in 2008, also featured speeches by Director of Product and Trainer Development for the Dale Carnegie Center of Excellence Fran Giambanco and Managing Director for Institutional Sales for the Maxim Group Jeff Sklar. Michelle-Lee Cona '02, also from Maxim Group, gave the welcome address.

The Fruits of Their Leadership



In May, Long Island Alumni Association Board Secretary Lorraine Pierro '01 (left) and Elizabeth Smith '09 (right) both received the association's Alumni Leadership Award at the Student Government Association Dinner, which recognized all student leaders and clubs. Both Ms. Pierro and Ms. Smith, who was the Zeta Sigma Phi Sorority president last year, displayed leadership skills above and beyond. The duo is pictured with Director of Alumni Relations Matthew Colson '02.

Maryalice McGrath Beinert '69 retired in 2004 and she fills her days with quilting, classes, projects, travel, photography, friends and family.

Patricia Devane Bell '69 and her husband, Bob, visited Cathy Garone Dede and her husband, Tony, at their home in Boynton Beach, FL. She reconnected by phone with Marie DeRita Passero, who lives in Patomac, MD.

Marsilia Boyle '69, Barbara Conley '69, Cass Cullen '69, Ronnie Phillips Arikian '69 celebrated their 60th birthdays with a Labor Day 2008 weekend cruise along the east coast on the Euro Dam. Ronnie Phillips' daughter, Alysson, got married in May.

Dorothy Kelly Carroll '69 is the full-time caretaker for her 92-year-old mother.

Barbara Schneller Carvalho '69 and her husband, Wellington, welcomed a grandson, Joseph, in December.

Clare Collins '69 retired from JPMorgan Chase after 39 years.

Antonia Bartoloma Mohan sent Class of 1969 news: More than 40 members attended their 40th reunion in April at the University Club. Thanks go to Mary Jo Burke Chiara, assistant vice president of alumni relations and stewardship. The following day Christine Giangreco, Mary Butz, Win Radigan, Maureen Sullivan Tully, Peggy Mohan Meegan, Antonia Bartoloma Mohan, Veronica Celi Pawson and Mary Jo Burke Chiara, had wine and cheese and toured the Brooklyn Campus. In March, Nancy Mulholland Brogan saw the pyramids along the Nile. Mary Jo Burke Chiara visited Peggy Mohan Meegan and her husband, Frank, in their new home on St. Simon's Island, GA. Win Radigan retired from the Department of Education. Mary Butz is the interim acting principal of the United Federation of Teachers Charter School in East New York. Chris Giangreco works for Catholic Charities.

Jane Cozzi Murray'69 and her husband, Michael, retired last year and moved to Grand Beach, MI after living across the U.S. and Europe for the past 38 years. Maria Vassar Recchione '69 is retired.

Irene Reddy Schneller '69 has lived in the San Francisco Bay area for the past 21 years. She and her husband, Frank, recently moved to Truckee, CA. They are both retired.

Maureen Sullivan Tully '69 and her husband, Marty, welcomed a granddaughter, Alana Teresa Bridges, in December 2008.

1970s

Victoria Castagna '74 is retired and volunteers at a local human services agency. She is an officer in her local volunteer fire and ambulance department and is chair of her property owner's association. She teaches part time at the University of Scranton.

Christine Hamluk Norton '74 retired last June and has been busy traveling, reading, gardening, crocheting, knitting, beading and helping out at her daughter's child care center/preschool.

Anne Leonard Zoas '77 retired after more than 30 years at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office as a rehabilitation coordinator for the correctional facility in Yaphank.

James Behan '79 was awarded the 2008 Distinguished Fellow by American Academy of Physician Assistants.

1980s

Barbara Bischoff Eckner '84 is the preschool coordinator at the YMCA, and she is in the process of licensing a new child care center in Ansonia, CT.

Beth Genovese, daughter of Lynn Fazio Genovese '84 and granddaughter of Carol Fazio '76, is a freshman at St. Joseph's College.

S. Marie E. Mackey '84, C.S.J. entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1998 and has taught in the religion department at Mary Louis Academy since 2005.

Chris Hardardt '89 is the athletic director at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. His twin sons (Christopher and Ryan) attend school there.

Cona Receives Award



Michelle-Lee Cona '02 received an award for going above and beyond during the Brooklyn Office of Student Life's Leadership Brunch in April.

1990s

Regina Cirigliano Kieran '94 and her husband, Michael, celebrated their third wedding anniversary in May. Regina teaches Language Arts and is a faculty adviser for the Builders Club at Marine Park Junior High School.

Johanna Cox-Littrell '99 owns CreativeEnergi, a marketing and event-planning business.

2000s

Written by Tom Hoefner '00, The Unlikely Adventure of Race McCloud, Private Eye premiered during the New York International Fringe Festival. Eugene Solfanelli '97, Tom Brown '07 and Adam Mace '08 are all in the cast.

Best wishes to Caroline Tumminelli '03 and Joseph Zvonik, who were married in July 2008. Caroline is an English teacher in the Lindenhurst Union Free School District. They live in Islip.

Congratulations to **Lorraine Horgan '06** and Joseph Ambrosino, who got married last October. She is a secondary autism consultant teacher for the Sachem School District. They live in Holtsville.

L.I. GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2ND ANNUAL HALL OF FAME CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

2009 CLASS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

David Edwards '94
Bernard Hoyt '95
Coach Gary Smith
2001 Equestrian Team
1991 Men's Soccer Team

Friday, October 16, 2009
John A. Danzi Athletic Center
Long Island Campus

Watch for an invitation in the mail.

For more information, contact
Matthew Colson '02,
Director of Alumni Relations, L.I. Campus
at 631.687.2653 or mcolson@sjcny.edu.



A Day at the Races
Belmont Park
September 26, 2009

(watch your mail for details)

Gates open at 11 a.m. Luncheon at Noon Chair: Angela Alexander Maher '56

For further information, contact the Brooklyn Office of Alumni Relations at **718.940.5576** or alumni@sjcny.edu.

Oktoberfest

Beer tasting, hors d'oeuvres New Venue!

at Heartland Brewery
Times Square • New York City
www.heartlandbrewery.com



Friday, October 16, 2009 at 7 p.m.

For further information, contact the Brooklyn Office of Alumni Relations at 718.940.5576 or alumni@sjcny.edu.

Alumni Fall Luncheon

The Harvard Club of New York City

> 35 West 44th Street New York, NY 10036

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Cocktails – Noon Luncheon – 1 p.m.

CHAIR Barbara Germack '58

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Please watch your mail for further details.

For current information, visit www.sjcny.edu/alumni or call the Brooklyn

Office of Alumni Relations at 718.940.5576.



Jeffrey Wands, Psychic Intuitive

"Open a Door to the Beyond"

Friday, November 13, 2009
7 p.m. D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, Long Island Campus

6 p.m. Alumni wine and cheese reception (complimentary for alumni only)

Tickets \$20 per person

(limit of 4 tickets per person)

For tickets and to R.S.V.P. you can register online through our online community, SJConnect at www.alumni.sjcny.edu.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations on the Long Island Campus at 631.687.2652 or alumni@sjcny.edu.

Jeff Goldberg & Associates

"Coach Your Way to Success"

Networking Event

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

6 p.m Brooklyn Campus Student Lounge

For more information, visit www.sjcny.edu/alumni or call the Brooklyn Office of Alumni Relations at 718.940.5576.



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For more information, please contact: S. Grace E. Rowland, C.S.J. St. Joseph's College • 155 W. Roe Blvd. • Patchogue, NY 11772 631.687.4583 • growland@sjcny.edu



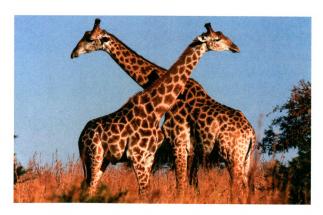
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January 7-16, 2010

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MARCH 24-APRIL 4, 2010

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Nepal/Bhutan

January 6-16, 2010

Plus an optional extension to Bhutan – January 15–21 Kathmandu, Patan, Chitwan

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EVENTS CALENDAR FALL 2009

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For a complete listing of events, visit the College Web site at www.sjcny.edu.



Board Room Gallery, O'Connor Hall, L.I. Campus September 22 – guest speaker, 12:40 p.m., McGann Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, L.I. Campus; Sponsored by the L.I. Council for the Arts

Art Exhibition: Works by Ernest Concepcion

Reception – October 1, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Gallery talk - October 6, 12:40 p.m. Alumni Room Gallery, Tuohy Hall, Brooklyn Campus Sponsored by the Brooklyn Council for the Arts

Alumni Career Services Reception

100 Faces of War Experience Portraits by Matt Mitchell

"How to Navigate a Tough Market" 6 p.m., Villa Lombardi's Restaurant, Holbrook Sponsored by Matthew Barbis & Co.

A Day at the Races, see ad on page 38

"Coach Your Way to Success" Seminar Sponsored by the Brooklyn Office of Alumni Relations

Max Pollack Rumbatap

12:40 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn Campus Sponsored by the Brooklyn Council for the Arts

"Awe-Filled Wonder: The Interface of Science and Spirituality"

S. Barbara Fiand, S.N.D. de N., Ph.D. – author, international lecturer and faculty member at Loyola University Chicago October 7, 7:30 p.m.; October 8, 12:40 p.m., L.I. Campus Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life

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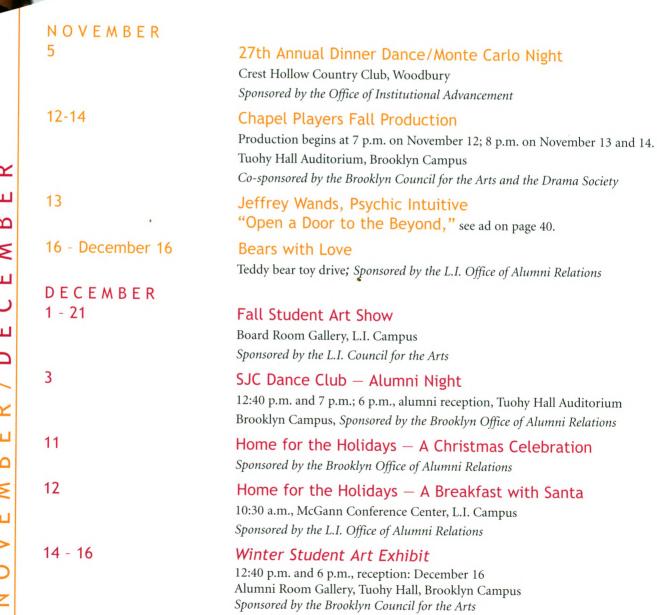
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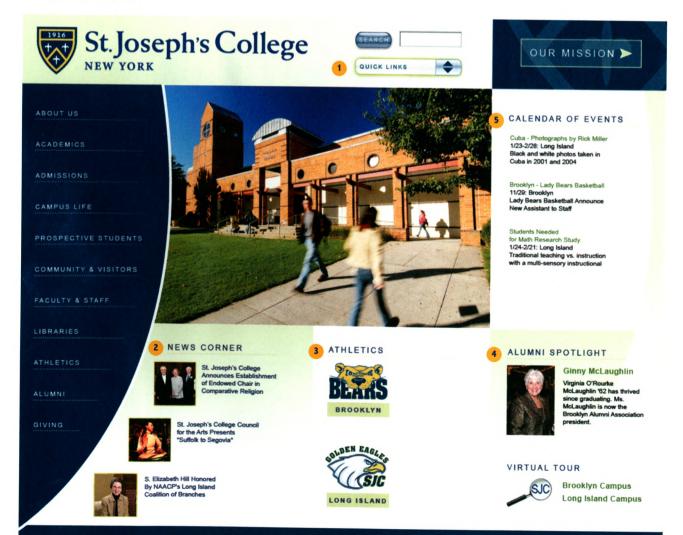
WHAT'S WHAT ON THE WEB

Advancement Office Unveils New Web Site

by Justin Hansen

The following five steps will help you navigate through the new Web site more easily:

- **1.** The **Quick Links** include the most visited pages of the site, as well as pages that students should be visiting more often. Just select the page from the drop down menu and you will be taken there.
- **2.** The **News Corner** will showcase important stories about life on campus. Students can read about past events as well as important upcoming College info.
- **3.** Follow our sports teams in the **Athletics** section. The latest news and scores are available here.
- **4.** The **Alumni Spotlight** features the latest news, events and profiles from the Office of Alumni Relations. Everything from a look back on former students to a recap from a recent event will be shown.
- **5.** The **Calendar of Events** showcases the latest events on campus. It works just like the "old" calendar with a group of random upcoming events so that every event has a chance to be on the home page.





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